City of Barrie

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Meeting Agenda

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | **4:30 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting**

This meeting will be held ELECTRONICALLY and IN-PERSON in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* which provides for ELECTRONIC and/or IN-PERSON participation.

1. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

2. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

3.1 Note: Slide 4 has been revised

PRESENTATION CONCERNING A TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY 101.

Attachments: Revised Presentation Transit and Parking Strategy 101 230308

3.2 **PRESENTATION CONCERNING A CORPORATE FACILITIES 101.**

Attachments: Presentation Corporate Facilities 101 230308

3.3 **PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE ALLANDALE AND DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB.**

Attachments: Presentation Allandale and Downtown Mobility Hub Update 230308

4. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nil.

5. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

6. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

6.1 REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 21, 2022.

Attachments: Arts Advisory Committee Report 220621

6.2 REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 16, 2022.

Attachments: Arts Advisory Committee Report 220816

6.3 REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2022.

Attachments: Arts Advisory Committee Report 220920

6.4 REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 7, 2022.

Attachments: ATSC Report 220607

Recommendation(s):

PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY - YARD NATURALIZATION

1. That staff in Access Barrie, in consultation with the Enforcement Services Branch, investigate the creation of communication tools including yard signage and online educational materials to promote and designate natural gardens and boulevard gardens and report back to General Committee.

2. That staff in the Enforcement Services Branch investigate an amendment to the Yard Maintenance By-law to allow for residents to participate in No Mow May and that staff in Access Barrie investigate the creation of signage and communication tools to clearly communicate the benefits of No Mow May and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.7, June 27, 2022 and adopted at City Council on June 27, 2022)

6.5 REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 2, 2022.

Attachments: ATSC Report 220802

6.6 REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.

Attachments: ATSC Report 220906

6.7 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 16, 2022.**

Attachments: CIBC Report 220616

6.8 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JULY 21, 2022.**

Attachments: CIBC Report 220721

6.9 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 18, 2022.**

Attachments: CIBC Report 220818

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 **LAKE SIMCOE**

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia; and

WHEREAS the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers; and

WHEREAS the previous federal government funded a "Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund" of $65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland committed $40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment of $1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe…"; and

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of $30 million over five years; and

WHEREAS, further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter, which directs the Minister to "…establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe…".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the City of Barrie:

1) Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget; and

2 Asks that such funding be used to undertake:

a) Shoreline mitigation, stream restoration and stormwater quality management, including in the tributaries of Sophia Creek, Kidd's Creek, Bunkers Creek, Dyments Creek, Hotchkiss Creek, Whiskey Creek, Lovers Creek, and Hewitts Creek; and

b) Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watersheds; and

c) Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater treatment and stormwater management facilities to decrease total current discharges from existing facilities; and

d) The planting of 250,000 trees in the watershed and purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40 percent of the watershed area being protected natural land.

3) That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the President of the Treasury Board, the Members of Parliament for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe-North, York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Durham, and to all the Lake Simcoe Region municipalities and the LSRCA (Item for Discussion, 8.1, March 8, 2023)

Sponsor(s): Councillor, C. Riepma and Councillor, B. Hamilton

Attachments: Lake Simcoe

22-G-067 - Lake Simcoe

9. ADJOURNMENT

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